

August 29, 2001

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DARS Terrestrial Repeaters
File Nos. SAT-STA-20010712-00063; SAT-STA-20010724-00064
IB Docket No. 95-91

Dear Ms. Salas:

General Motors Corporation ("GM") urges the Commission to expeditiously authorize the operation of Digital Audio Radio Service ("DARS") terrestrial repeaters thereby continuing its leadership role in enabling the delivery of an exciting new communications service.

GM has long envisioned that DARS will offer American drivers a high quality, digital radio service with new and diverse programming formats without interruption as they travel throughout the United States. We have invested significant financial and engineering resources to bring this new service to reality including an equity position in XM Radio. GM is presently installing DARS radios in new vehicles and looks forward to presenting this exciting new feature to prospective car and truck buyers. Our market research indicates that the American driving public will rapidly embrace this new service.

With all of the DARS satellites successfully launched, GM understands that the FCC's authorization of terrestrial repeaters is the last regulatory issue before DARS licensees can provide commercial service. Terrestrial repeaters, including high power repeaters, have always been a key aspect of the DARS network design. By supplementing satellite signals in areas where satellite signals are blocked, terrestrial repeaters will allow DARS licensees to provide truly seamless service throughout the United States.

GM recognizes that some Wireless Communications Services ("WCS") licensees have recently expressed concern that with the authorization of DARS terrestrial repeaters (and thus the initiation of DARS to the public), certain high power terrestrial repeaters will cause interference to WCS operations. GM believes that the concerns of the WCS community have been fully and fairly addressed. GM urges the Commission to act expeditiously to authorize the DARS terrestrial repeaters so that the American driving public can begin to experience the high quality, increased choice, and ubiquity of DARS.

Very truly yours,

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